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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2-12.

REMARKS:

This amendment is for the purpose of placing the claims in accord with U.S. practice.

Respectfully Submitted,
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